



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2014

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Christmas at the Creek Dec. 5, 6-10 p.m. & Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

While many are winterizing their closets and planning Thanksgiving feasts, the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department is busy preparing for Christmas at the Creek Dec. 5-6 at Wolf Pen Creek Park.

Activities include synthetic ice skating rink, 20-foot Purple Monster slide, holiday bounce house, Santa Sumo Suits, Snow Globe Photo Booth, Giant Texas Snow Dome, movies (How the Grinch Stole Christmas & Arthur Christmas), contests (Grinch and Santa Look-A-Like), live nativity, Paw Paw's Party Train, petting zoo, holiday crafts, hayrides, live entertainment, photos with Santa and more!

On Saturday, Dec. 6, find the perfect gift at the Holiday Vendor Village, where you'll find a variety of arts, crafts, jewelry, and etc.

The synthetic ice rink will be open Dec. 5-11 at the Wolf Pen Creek Festival Site.

Ice skates are available to rent for \$7 per person for 30-minute skate times. Personal skates are not permitted. Group ice skate rentals are available outside of normal

operating hours for \$100 per 30-minute session. Maximum of 25 people allowed on the ice at one time.

Guests may bring their own refreshments, but coolers must be 48 quarts or smaller. Alcohol, glass containers and pets are not allowed. Food vendors will also be available.

Parking is conveniently located at Post Oak Mall, and handicap parking will be available at the Colgate entrance off of Eastmark.

Hayride drop-off and pickup locations will be at Post Oak Mall and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

For a complete entertainment schedule, visit cstx.gov/christmas, call 979.764.3486 or email parcs@cstx.gov.

The holiday celebration doesn't stop there! Guests can continue the family tradition of viewing Christmas light displays at the beautiful 47-acre Stephen C. Beachy Central Park from Nov. 28-Jan. 1.

Jingle Bell Fun Run

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department's 25th Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run is Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1:15 p.m. and will be followed by the Bryan-College Station Christmas Parade.

This two-mile run starts at the corner of University Drive and South College Avenue and ends at the corner of Texas Avenue and Villa Maria.

Entry fee is \$15 before Nov. 16 and \$20 during Nov. 17-30. Race shirts are guaranteed to those who register by Nov. 16.

Dogs are welcome. The run is not timed and a shuttle will be available to pick up participants at the end of the route to transport back to the start line.

For more information and to register, visit cstx.gov/christmas or call 979.764.3486.

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Citizen Board, Committee & Commission Openings

One way to become actively involved with the City of College Station is to serve on one of the following boards, committees or commissions:

- B/CS Library Committee
- Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenways Board
- Construction Board of Adjustments
- Design Review Board
- Historic Preservation Committee
- Joint Relief Funding Committee
- Landmark Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustments

To apply for service, you must be a resident and a qualified, registered voter of College Station. Members serve without monetary compensation. Application deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 31, and the College Station City Council will consider appointments on Thursday, Jan. 22.

You can apply at cstx.gov/committees or pick up an application from the city secretary's office in city hall, located at 1101 Texas Avenue, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Attic Insulation 101

Insulation reduces the energy needed to cool or heat your home. Proper insulation of the attic floor will help maintain desired temperature in the home. The two primary types of attic insulation products are blown fiberglass and cellulose.

For existing homes in our area with loose-fill attic insulation types, R30 and R38 are preferred. R30 thickness should be 12 inches for fiberglass and 9 inches for cellulose. R38 should be 16 inches for fiberglass and 12 inches for cellulose.

One may install the insulation themselves or enlist a local contractor. Either way, a properly insulated attic will hold conditioned air at desired temperature longer and save energy in the process.

Visit cstx.gov/energy or call 979.764.6343 for more energy saving tips.

2015 Citizens University

In Citizens University, you'll get to talk to those who build budgets, construct capital projects, plan for growth, keep the lights on and keep neighborhoods safe in the City of College Station. This free program runs Jan. 26 to April 13 on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. at various city facilities. Application deadline is Friday, Jan. 9.

For more information and to apply, visit cstx.gov/cu. Program contact is Lacey Lively at 979.764.3445 or llively@cstx.gov.

Commitment 5K & FitFest

Thursday, Jan. 1 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Commit to making 2015 a healthy and active year!

The Commitment 5K will begin at 10 a.m. at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater. You can walk or run. Entry fee is \$20 before Nov. 30 and \$25 between Dec. 1-31. Race shirts are guaranteed to participants who register by Nov. 30. Registration is Nov. 1-Dec. 31.

FitFest, a health and fitness festival, will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wolf Pen Creek Festival Site. Admission is free. Business and organizations will be on site to provide healthy living information, product demonstrations, health assessments, and much more. Interested in having a booth? Register by Dec. 15.

To register and for more details, visit cstx.gov/fitness or call 979.764.3486.

Reporting City Code Violations

If you spot a possible code violation, report it to our code enforcement officers through one of the following ways:

email: CommunityEnhancement@cstx.gov

call: 979.764.6363

download: SeeClickFix smart phone app (SeeClickFix.com/CollegeStation).

Once reported, an officer will investigate the issue within 48 hours.

events

December - January

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lincoln Recreation Center

Enjoy breakfast, face painting, arts and crafts, coloring activities, entertainment and more for free.

cstx.gov/christmas or 979.764.3779

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Southwood Community Center

Discover activities and programs for seniors while enjoying photos with Santa and holiday treats.

cstx.gov/seniors or 979.764.6351

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Dec. 24-26 & Jan. 1

FRIENDLY HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Recycle your live Christmas trees by leaving them at the curb on your scheduled brush/bulky collection day. Accessories must be removed. Trees are either composted or chipped and spread throughout city parks.

Possession or discharge of fireworks within College Station and Bryan city limits or within 5,000 feet of the city limits is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000.

ADULT SOFTBALL & KICKBALL

Register: Jan. 1 - Feb. 1

Teams: \$390. Ages 16+

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Register: Jan. 1 - March 1

Teams: \$210. Ages 16+

cstx.gov/sports or 979.764.3486

BRAZOS VALLEY SENIOR GAMES

Register: Jan. 5-30 • Event: Feb. 19-22

Compete in track & field, swimming, 3-on-3 basketball, basketball skills, cycling, horseshoes, washers, archery, tennis, bowling, 5k, pickleball, golf, ladies volleyball, 42 and disc golf.

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For more events, visit:

cstx.gov/calendar